## **ARGUMENT**

Claims 10-12 and 14-16 remain pending in the application of which Claims 10 and 14 been amended. Claims 1-9, 13, and 17-20 have been deleted.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 10-12 and 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended these claims accordingly.

The Applicant has deleted all remaining claims that formed the basis of the Examiner's various rejections set forth in the Office Action. The Amendments put the application in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful to the allowance of this application, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

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